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Letter dated 22 October 1996 from the President of the forty-third session of the Trade and Development Board to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to inform you that the medium-term plan for 1998-2001 was submitted by UNCTAD in June 1996. It was discussed in the Working Party at its twenty-eighth session and noted by the Trade and Development Board at its thirteenth executive session.

Subsequently, and on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Trade and Development Board (7-18 October 1996), I held consultations with coordinators and delegations. I am pleased to inform you that coordinators and delegations have approved the medium-term plan as submitted by the Working Party, with the following text to be added at the end of subprogramme 9.5:

Subprogramme 9.5. Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries

It is noted that the Division for the Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries has been discontinued as part of the reorganization of the UNCTAD secretariat. Throughout the medium-term plan period (1998-2001), the implementation of the subprogramme will be coordinated by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries. In accordance with the outcome of the ninth session of the Conference, least developed countries will constitute a cross-cutting issue in the work of UNCTAD and the sectoral issues will be dealt with by the divisions of UNCTAD within their respective mandates.

I hope that this will facilitate your task in the final approval of the medium-term plan.

(Signed) Patrick N. SINYINZA
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of the Trade and Development Board